

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 6, 2008, the Examiner objected to claims 2, 11-12, 15 and 24-25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has accordingly amended claims 2, 11, 15 and 24 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 12 and 25 depend from presently amended claims 11 and 24 respectively and are in condition for allowance for the same reasons amended claims 2, 11 and 15 are now in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action dated March 6, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5, 9-10, 13-14, 16-18, 22-23, and 26 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by US Patent No. 6,461,436 issued to Campbell et al. ("Campbell").

Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3-5, 9-10, 13-14, 16-18, 22-23 and 26 without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims has been rendered moot.

The Examiner rejected claims 6-8 and 19-21 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in alternative, under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Campbell. Applicant has canceled claims 6-8 and 19-21 without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims has been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the claims pending are allowable claims 2, 11-12, 15 and 24-25 and for which Applicant solicits allowance, and that the application be promptly passed to issue.

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